
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 6572

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By Senators Wojahn, Gaspard, Franklin, Winsley and Oke

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1 AN ACT Relating to making a capital appropriation for the Sprague
2 Building; creating a new section; and making an appropriation.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Human services needs in Pierce county are
5 outpacing existing and projected resources at an alarming rate. The
6 human services sector urgently needs to maximize its efficiencies and
7 effectiveness if it is to meet the most critical of these needs.

8 In 1988, the citizen volunteer board of united way of Pierce county
9 adopted its second century plan, recommending, in part, that a
10 community service center be developed so that a portion of the human
11 services sector could operate more efficiently.

12 After months of study by United Way's board, staff, and dozens of
13 community volunteers, United Way board of directors decided to purchase
14 the historic Sprague Building located at 1501 Pacific Avenue and
15 convert it into the Betye Martin Baker community service center. The
16 fifty thousand square foot facility will house united way, a mix of
17 nonprofit human services agencies, and a child care center for use by
18 tenants and surrounding businesses.

1 The momentum toward community-basing of services, ongoing attempts
2 to develop "one-stop shopping" human services centers in communities
3 across the state, and the important role nonprofits play in ensuring
4 healthy community human service systems support the United Way board of
5 directors decision to develop this center.

6 The building will serve as a focal point for human services needs
7 and providers. Because long-term costs will be fixed, United Way will
8 be able to offer tenants long-term, below-market rental rates.
9 Centralized services and systems, for example, telephones,
10 photocopiers, conference rooms, and a resource library will further
11 allow tenants to maximize operating efficiencies. The moneys saved
12 through operating efficiencies can then be aimed at delivering direct
13 services to people and families with the greatest human services needs.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of eight hundred fifty-five thousand
15 dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for
16 the biennium ending June 30, 1995, from the state general fund to the
17 department of social and health services as a fifteen percent matching
18 grant for the purpose of purchase and renovation of the Sprague
19 Building, Tacoma, Washington. The building shall be owned and shall be
20 occupied by nonprofit, human service organizations whose services
21 provide a benefit to the citizens of Washington. The department of
22 social and health services shall enter into negotiations with the
23 United Way of Pierce County to secure state office space in the Sprague
24 Building for the delivery of human services in Pierce County.

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